

House Resolution No. 537

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri couple who have enjoyed tremendous personal success through the bonds of Holy Matrimony; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Livengood, cherished residents of Craig, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on February 22, 2003; and

Whereas, it was on February 22, 1953, that Melvin Livengood took the hand of his beautiful bride, Geannene, and together they were joined in marriage before the eyes of God during a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend W.C. Lohmeyer at St. Peter's Lutheran Church; and

Whereas, since that happy day, Melvin and Geannene Livengood have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Livengood dutifully served his country in the United States military during the Korean War and went on to provide a safe and secure future for his loved ones through many years of tireless endeavor as a farmer, while Mrs. Livengood enjoyed her family immensely and worked alongside her husband in the farming business, from which they retired in 1999; and

Whereas, longtime residents of the Craig community who love to fish, help their sons, and spend time with their grandchildren, Melvin and Geannene Livengood have relished every moment they have spent nurturing their three sons and daughters-in-law, Doug and Becky Livengood and Jeff and Christy Livengood, all of Craig, and Keven and Becky Livengood of Shenandoah, Iowa; and spoiling their five granddaughters, three grandsons, and one great-great-grandson; and

Whereas, Melvin and Geannene Livengood often reflect upon the joys and rewards they have experienced during their fifty years of marriage and look forward to beginning their sixth decade of wedded success and happiness:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Melvin and Geannene Livengood upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to walk hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Livengood, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____

Representative Brad Lager

District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 537, adopted February 27, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker